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Clover, Alfalfa Seed Farmers Complete Harvest Of Good Quality

LAC LA BICHE — The farmers in this area who grow clover and alfalfa for seed, should consider themselves fortunate in that most of them were able to harvest their crop, while in some parts of the province snow came before harvest had gotten under way.

Although the price is down somewhat compared to former years, the quality is excellent and growers have received good returns for their efforts. Buyers representing various seed companies have had a busy fall, and there is still some seed to be threshed.

One firm alone has shipped out some 700,000 pounds of seed. At the peak of the harvest season, this company loaded nine box cars in three days. Seventy-five per cent of the farmers within a 40-mile radius of Lac la Biche, grow some of the various kinds of clover and alfalfa for commercial purposes. Many farmers in this area have been cashing seed cheques since 1942.

A few years ago, when prices were better, one farmer received a cheque for $18,000 from the seed company who bought his entire crop that year. Others have been known to receive $15,000 in one cheque.

While the soils in some portions of this area are not so suited for the growing of coarser grains, it has proven to be ideal for Alfalfa, Altaswede, Alsike and Sweet Clover. Very little, if any Red Fescue is grown in this district. The greatest portion of the seed is shipped to the eastern provinces. Buyers from at least five large seed houses are covering the district.

MLA Addresses Agricultural Group

Michael Maccago, MLA gave an interesting talk on farming at the Agricultural Club's annual meeting held in the Parish hall in Plamondon. He stressed the importance of farming and stated he would do all he possibly could to help obtain another district agriculturist in the near future.

Mr. Maccagno presented awards and certificates to the members of the Farm and Home Improvement program. Willard Gauthier and Roland Piquette received trophy cups and Leo Bourassa, a gate postal sign. Twelve other members received red seals certificates. Romeo Piquette then gave a talk on the Alberta egg marketing plan.

Rev. Father Ricard spoke to the meeting encouraging them to try and obtain another district agriculturist to replace J. S. Lore.

During the evening officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, Martin Schaub; woman's division president, Mrs. Edgar Belanger; secretary, Mrs. Leo Bourassa.

MLA Confident

A delegation composed of M. Maccagno, H. Hamar and W. Hamilton, representing the Lac la Biche Chamber of Commerce, presented a brief to the Northern Development Commission of Alberta, meeting in Edmonton last week.

Commenting on the meeting afterwards, Mr. Maccagno, M.L.A. for this district, reported that they were favorably received and he has every confidence that increased developments and improvements to this area will be forthcoming in the near future.

Lac la Biche

M. Coast is visiting his brother at Mercoal. He planned to do some big game hunting in the mountains while on holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Booker and children spent a few days in Edmonton last week getting dental work done.

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Former Local Nurse Dies In Westakiwin

PLAMONDON—News has been received that Crs. Cathie Somerville Hays, who nursed in this district for several years passed away in Wetaskiwin hospital. Her illness lasted only for a period of two days. Death was due to pneumonia according to reports received here.

Residents of the district feel deeply the loss of Mrs. Hays, who was an excellent nurse, a friend to all she met and her work in this district will long be remembered. She was a leader of the girls' 4-H Sewing club for many years and an example of devotion to duty to all who follow.

Residents of the district extend sympathy to her husband William and daughters Fern and Peggy.

Menard Grain, Gauthier Plot, Win

BERNY — Euclide Menard won first prize for his oats sample, and Rena Gauthier received an award from United Grain Growers for her plot in the 4-H Grain Club Achievement Day here.

Bill Lobay judged the grain samples, separating them into choice, superior and superior minus samples. For growing the best of all grain samples shown, Menard received the 4-H award, a trip to Vermilion school of agriculture.

Miss Gauthier received her award from United Grain Growers. Presentation was made by Frank Kisco, UGG representative.

Talks were given by Lobay, Kisco and Sid Lore, district agriculturist, to club members and their visitors for the event. These were parents and other district farmers.

Correct this sentence: "I can take my liquor because it never has hurt me."

Town Council Notes

LAC LA BICHE—At the regular meeting of council held Nov. 26 correspondence was read authorizing the town to destroy an old house which had been condemned by the Athabasca Health Unit. The building, located in Block 31, had deteriorated until it became a hazard, as well as an eyesore to the surrounding properties. The secretary was instructed to turn the demolition job over to the fire brigade.

A letter was read from the Women's Institute of Lac la Biche, asking for assistance in the operation of the library. It was pointed out that the work of the librarians had become too heavy to be carried by volunteers. Council agreed to give serious consideration to the question after the new year, but felt that no action could be taken during the current year.

First readings were given to by-laws 288 and 289 authorizing a small extension of water mains and a larger extension of sewer lines. Certain changes had been made in the form of the by-laws in order that they might be acceptable to the Board of Public Utility Commissioners.

The secretary was asked to remind Northland Utilities that the time for putting up the Christmas street lights was near.

Sarrail

Mrs. Paul Nykolyn has gone to Vancouver to attend her sister's wedding.

Sheilla and Linda Fischer are staying at Mr. and Mrs. Philip Derousseau's while their mother is in hospital.

Visitors to Edmonton were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hewko and Anton Hewko.

Mcrae

Mr. and Mrs. A. Katchenawsky, Mr. and Mrs. J. Ransom and Mrs. L. Chorney were weekend visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. Karpyshyn.

Mrs. C. Littlechild has returned home after visiting a week with her daughter in Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hunter of Boyne Lake visited Mrs. E. Whitford.

Church services were held at the Tompkins Lake school by the Rev. Wilson. Mrs. Wilson gave the children verses to learn for the Christmas play, and since no concert will be held here this year, planned a party for the district children.

TO BORROW $12,000 FOR COMMUNITY HALL REPAIRS

LAC LA BICHE—The vote held last week on bylaw No. 286 went 108 for the bylaw and 10 against, with no spoiled ballots. The vote was held to give Lac la Biche property owners an opportunity to say whether or not they favored the town borrowing sufficient money to make necessary repairs to the Memorial hall.

As a two-thirds majority is required, the overwhelming favorable vote now gives the town the green light to proceed with plans to borrow by debenture to put the hall in good condition. Total amount authorized under the by-law is $12,000, although this amount will not necessarily all be borrowed at once.

At a meeting of council held Friday evening, it was decided that a start will be made at once toward some of the most needed improvements. Councillors expressed confidence that the hall would be opened in time for the usual activities of the Christmas season.

St. Catherine's Hospital News

In patient from Nov. 23 to the 28th inclusive are as follows: Mrs. Humphrey Senetza, Lac la Biche; Douglas Stefanuk, Grandin; Mrs. Rosalie Pruden, Imperial Mills; Mrs. George Kozakewich, Lac la Biche; Bella Quinn, Grandin; Albert Leach, Grassland; Sharron Johnson, Atmore; Mary Lou Boucher, Imperial Mills; Mrs. Wilfrid St. Jean, Plamondon; Narcisse Cardinal, Lac la Biche; Mrs. Elizabeth Mekarchuk, Wandering River; Joe Germain, Breynat; Mrs. Albert Cardinal, Beaver Lake; Mrs. Mary Brezinski, Owl River; Jeff Soroko, Boyle; Mrs. Secondo Fornari, Venice; Luc Plamondon, Plamondon; Elwood Irwin, Margaret Ladouceur, Mike Fyith, Mrs. Paul Gaberel, Lac la Biche; Robert Powder, Caslan; Elaine Rudiger, Egg Lake; Mrs. Jean Ulliac, Gourin.

The following birth has been recorded: Mr. and Mrs. John Whitford, a boy.

Sawchuk's Attend Family Reunion

SOUTH HYLO—Mr. and Mrs. William Sawchuk attended a family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Diesel of Owl River.

Family members present were Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Diesel, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Diesel of Owl River, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Diesel of Wandering River, Henry Diesel of East Greenwich, R.I. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. J. Ray of Owl River and Patrick McGwiny, also of East Greenwich.

Atmore

Margaret Bourassa is employed in Boyle.

Sympathy is extended to the relatives of Armand Bouvier, who died Nov. 25. He resided here for several years before illness obliged him to move to Lac la Biche.

Connie Campbell has been staying with Lonnie Mathieson and attending school from there.

The municipality repaired a school bus route in this district.

District Pioneer Dies Suddenly

LAC LA BICHE—Armand Bouvier, well-known pioneer of the Egg Lake and Lac la Biche district, passed away suddenly at his home Nov. 25. Although in poor health following a heart ailment last winter, his death due to a heart attack while cleaning his walk, came as a shock to his family and friends. His wife, who underwent an operation in Edmonton a few weeks ago, was unable to be present at the funeral.

Mr. Bouvier was born in the province of Quebec in 1900. He came to Alberta with his parents in 1913 to the Egg Lake district where his father was one of the first to take up land. He was married to Elizabeth Dragon of Plamondon in 1925. Later the family moved to Plamondon, and then to Atmore where they lived until they retired in Lac la Biche this last spring. Mr. Bouvier was well-known as an extensive honey producer for many years.

Funeral services, conducted by Father McGrane, Father Noel and Father Lavert, assisted by fellow Knights of Columbus, were held from St. Catherine's Church, Nov. 28.

Pallbearers were M. Maccagno, L. Badry, W. Badry, L. Tardif, R. Rizzoli and L. Langevin.

Left to mourn his passing, besides his loving wife are three daughters, Mrs. Gerald Johnson, Atmore; Mrs. Jerome Johnson, Atmore; Mrs. Abel Plamondon, Trail, B.C.; one son, Dr. David Bouvier, Lac la Biche; two sisters, Mrs. Clara Ostiguy, Lac la Biche; Miss Amelia Bouvier, Edmonton; four brothers, Damase and Henry, of Edmonton, and Frank and John of Lac la Biche.

PLAMONDON HOME RAZED IN EARLY MORNING BLAZE

About 7:00 a.m., Nov. 28, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Dragon was destroyed by fire. Their nine-year-old son Roger, who was leaving for school happened to look back and saw smoke pouring from the roof. He rushed back to tell his parents and then ran to the neighbor, Roland Piquette's.

Mr. Roland, Paul, Romeo, Guy and Leo Piquette hurried to the scene of the fire and were able to remove all of the furniture and even the stoves—through a door in one end of the building, while the fire was roaring in the other end of the home.

In the meantime, Sinclair Gauthier's son saw the flames from their home. The Sinclair Gauthier's immediately rushed to town and gave the alarm to David Plamondon, the telephone operator, who in turn notified every one in town.

All local men who could possibly leave hastened out to the farm, a distance of about two and a half miles, but by the time they arrived the home was completely destroyed.

However, the men helped save other buildings close by, and set up stoves in an old shack so that the Dragon family would have a place to live.

The fire appears to have started in the attic of the home probably from an overheated stove pipe.

Due to the Piquette family's quick response and action, all furniture and personal belongings were saved. The several hundred quarts of canned goods and vegetables were a total loss. No insurance was carried.

CGIT Notes

The Weekly CGIT meeting was held Nov. 28 at the Dr. Swift school with 13 members attending. The purpose was recited and the roll called. The secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting.

It was decided that the proceeds of the bake sale held Nov. 23, amounting to $15.15, would be donated to the skating rink to start a fund for a record player. Names were drawn for gifts at Christmas.

Mrs. Proctor directed the worship service and Mrs. Graham instructed the girls on how to make necklaces, their new project.

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Local Editor

Plamondon

Many out-of-town residents attended the Belanger-Plamondon wedding held here Nov. 26. Among these were Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Blander, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Plamondon of Edmonton; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Gauthier of Waterways and Mr. Urbin Belanger of Golden, B.C.

Returning from Edmonton with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Plamondon, Mr. Urbin Ashacker is spending a few days visiting relatives and friends It is 10 years since Urbin visited here last. Since that time he has spent six years in the navy and has many interesting experiences to relate.

The residents of this district extend sympathy to the family of Armand Bouvier, who passed away recently in Lac la Biche.

Many residents of the district attended the funeral which was held in Lac la Biche.

Grassland

A smorgasbord supper will be held Sunday in the Community hall as a means of raising money for a new school library. The smorgasbord will be sonsored by its originators, the HSA.

The new school building is now completely enclosed, permitting work to proceed on the interior finishing despite inclement weather.

A reception was held at the Milke Ilnicki home last Friday in celebration of the wedding of Doreen Fleming and Walter Ilnicki. Although roads were almost impassable, hundreds of wellwishers attended.

Mr. and Mrs. Derko and family will move into their new home soon.

Bayview

Bernard Plamondon made a recent trip to Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Mischuk made a trip to Athabasca with a load of turkeys to the Athabasca Produce.

Jacob Bogdon of Spruce Valley was a recent visitor to this district.

Mr. and Mrs. Stan Mischuk, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Timoshok were present at the wedding of Walter Ilpicki in Blue Jay.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Plamondon have made several trips to Edmonton recently.

Leo Perner of Imperial Mills recently visited here and is planning to move his family here for the winter season.

Helen Mischuk attended the wedding in Plamondon, when Miss Ethel Belanger exchanged vows with Mr. Gene Paul Plamondon. Helen was maid of honor. Marcel Plamondon and Real brother of the groom were among the groom's attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. John Genoud of Charron visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Varin.

Card of Thanks

We wish to express our most sincere thanks to all our relatives and friends for their kindness, messages of sympathy, masses offered, and the lovely floral tributes received during our recent bereavement.

Mrs. Armand Bouvier and family.

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To Impound Cars

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Police will haul the cars away, impound them and eventually release them when towing, storage and parking infraction expenses have been paid.

PLANNING ALBERTA COMMUNITIES

Alberta's development has not been confined to the large cities. Towns and rural areas also reflect the growth and the problems of systematic planned expansion that go with it. The Government accordingly established the **Provincial Planning Advisory Board** in 1951 to determine planning policies. These policies are administered by the **Town and Rural Planning Branch** of the **Department of Municipal Affairs.** The technical advice and assistance of the Branch is available upon request to any Municipality under 5,000 population which is not a member of a District Planning Commission. An aerial survey is made of the community from which contour maps are prepared. Plans are then made for subdividing and zoning. Detailed layouts for housing and commercial areas are drawn up. In addition a report based on economic and population surveys is prepared for a planning period of ten years. Proposals for the orderly development of the municipality are included in this report. One-half of the cost of the aerial survey is the only expense borne by the municipality representing a small percentage of the total cost for this complete service.

ASSESSMENT BRANCH

Uniformity in assessments for municipal taxation purposes is a problem which has long existed. The **Assessment Branch** of the **Department of Municipal Affairs** was formed in 1935 to achieve this end. Since its inception many changes have been incorporated to keep pace with the growth of Alberta. It has also been necessary to alter assessment methods in view of the new types of construction and building techniques presently being used. Practically all of the towns and villages in the province have requested departmental assessments for taxation and other purposes. Rural assessments are not undertaken by Branch assessors although under certain conditions the government pays 50% of costs. Urban areas are required to pay one-half the cost of assessment, with the government paying the remainder, notwithstanding who carries out the work, whether a municipal or government assessor. Assessment Branch sub offices have been established at Red Deer, Grande Prairie, Calgary and Lethbridge to ensure close liaison with the local municipal officials, as well as to give advice and assistance to appointed municipal assessors.

INSPECTION BRANCH

The Department of Municipal Affairs Act requires the books and records of every municipality to be inspected at least once a year. This is the responsibility of the **Inspection Branch** and all assessment and tax rolls, minute books, by-law registers, cash books, bank books and any other records the Inspector may require of the Municipality are examined. Assistance and advice on procedure for effective administration of the municipality is an important service of the Inspection Branch. In cases of where new towns, villages, municipal districts or counties are incorporated a member of the inspection branch may act as administrator of this new unit until the council has been elected. Each year an annual report is prepared by the Inspection Branch in which is incorporated the financial statements of every municipality in Alberta.

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Spruce Valley

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Zilinski and son Dwayne were Friday visitors in Athabasca.

Local residents were among those present at the wedding of Doreen Flemming and Walter Ilnicki at the Blue Jay home of the groom, Nov. 22.

Some residents were also able to attend the marriage ceremony of Susie Berezuik and Mike Kramer, held at the Deer Run home of the bride, Nov. 23.

Joe Yurchak and Pete Zuber visited in Edmonton last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Karl Zilinski and son Dwayne were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. P. Rywak and family, Prosperity.

Bill Mahaden is a patient at St. Catherine's hospital at Lac la Biche.

John Duban, Billy Budz, Edward Shymoniak and John Matoga attended the Rural Electrification school at Grassland Hall.

Louis Zilinski has gone to Edmonton in search of employment.

Stanley Zambol of Prosperity enumerated calves to receive serum against Bangs disease here and then assisted an Edmonton veterinarian with the vaccinations.

Emil Zilinski, Edmonton, was a weekend visitor at his farm here.

Sympathy is extended to the Mahaden and Kotyk families on the death of the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Kotyk of Richmond Park. Mrs. P. Kotyk is the former Lillian Mahaden of this district.

With harvesting over, work has again resumed on the new house Nick Zilinski is bulding. A few local men are helping him.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith McAuley and son Danny of Edmonton were guests at the Stan Kanarek home last week.

Mrs. Steve Mahaden is now convalescing at home. She was released from Athabasca hospital where she was treated for pneumonia, which followed flu.

Earl Wright of Paxson visited the Stan Kanarek home last Sunday.

Joe Bizon and Stan Kanarek were Lac la Biche visitors.

The Siowronik family attended the funeral of their infant niece at Richmond Park last week. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Katyk.

The McAuley family recently visited the Walter Szwedos.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Kanarek are caring for three of the six children of Mrs. Szymanski, of Newbrook while Mrs. Szymanski undergoes an operation in an Edmonton hospital. The Kanareks went to Newbrook for the children.

Victoria Bizon stayed with Mrs. A. Kanarek for a few days.

Rich Lake

A Northland Utilities crew is here spreading power poles. Electric power for this area by Christmastime is promised.

Leslie and Ted Kumpula made a business trip to Edmonton with Cal Kumpula.

Several friends called on Mrs. Anna Kari in Lac la Biche hospital on her birthday.

John Honks returned to his home here after spending several weeks in the hospital.

Inspector Crestwood visited the school here to speak on safety rules for the benefit of the pupils.

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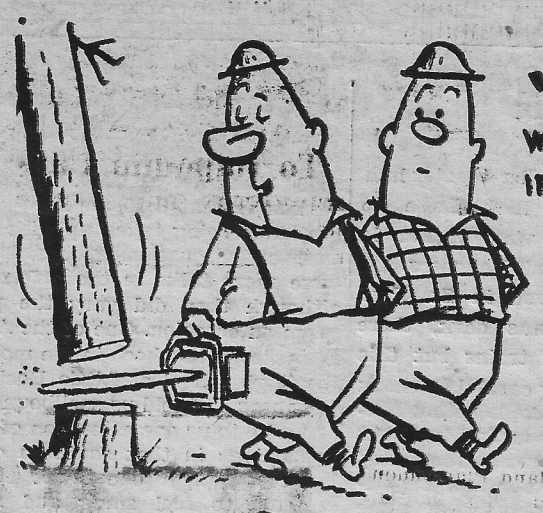

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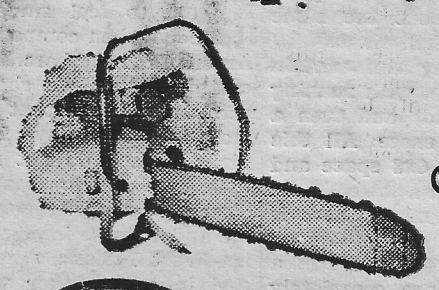

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MY TRIP TO WISCONSIN

By THE REV. R. S. H. GREENE

(Continued)

Oops! Pardon us for missing last week's issue. Fact of the matter is that we got so wrapped up in the football game that when we should have been pounding out copy, we were rapidly chewing up our fingernails. By the time it went into overtime, we had them almost down to our elbows. However, it was even tougher on some of our friends. On Monday a few of them were walking around without their shirts, and we don't think it was to enjoy the mild weather. Today's Grey-cupper had us on the spot. Having served in a Winnipeg regiment during the war, we are a bit partial to the city on the banks of the Red. But on the other hand the 'little woman' calls Hamilton her home. To be too vocal for Winnipeg could mean eating beans for a couple of weeks. We kept quiet. Besides, there wasn't too much to be vocal about.

In the last issue, we managed to catch our train out of Winnipeg, even though it was by the skin of our teeth. Before the train had gone far, the immigration officials climbed on board to check on the passengers. They always ask where you were born, where you are going and for how long. It is quite a routine matter and a tribute to the good relationships which exist between our two countries.

The land is southern Manitoba and northern North Dakota is the flattest I've seen—quite as flat as Ernie Coutney's pool tables, but of course without the pockets! From the train it looks like good farm land and the buildings and vehicles would indicate that the owners were not starving. But despite the evident prosperity I could not help but think how much more interesting is our own land, with its hills and lakes and rivers. The view as you turn north from Highway 46 and look over Plamondon to the north; the roller-coaster hills stretching from Rich Lake to Goose Lake; the view of Lac la Biche from the Mink Ranchers.

When we arrived in St. Paul (Minnesota) it was dark, there was a change of trains but this time we were very careful to check with the station people before taking our downtown walk. My ticket that night called for a 'roomette,' and this was another new experience. They are about the same size in area as a berth six feet by three feet. But they also contain a toilet, a washbasin with running water (hot and cold) and even a place to put your shoes. All this with your bed in a 6x3 space and the cost is less than a lower berth in Canada. What's more, there is no chance of anyone stomping on your instep. The roomette has a door and so you are completely closed in. You place your boots in a little drawer that is something like a milk box (it also opens into the main aisle of the train) and during the night the porter picks them up, returning them well polished in the morning. It's wonderful!

After another change in trains we arrived in Fond du Lac (what a pretty name) where we were met by a bus which took us over the 30 miles to Green Lake. The conference centre, which is located on the lake is a former resort and it has some 12 miles of shoreline within its boundaries. I was billeted in a room in the main lodge with two other priests as room-mates—one from Mission, B.C., and the other from a small community north of Winnipeg. Next morning the conference got rolling. For the Anglicans the day began with Matins at 6:30 a.m., Holy Communion at 6:50, breakfast at 7:30. Our first session was at 8:30 a.m. with the mornings being taken up with lectures and discussions groups. There were more talks in the afternoon although they did vary the program on occasion. One of the Anglican clergy had been in the mob at the High school at Little Rock in Arkansas. He held us spellbound as he spoke to us one afternoon of the happenings in that southern city. As a Canadian one is at times tempted to feel smug and self-righteous when compared with our American neighbors. But before casting stones we should take a good look to see that there is no mote in our own eye. Many Canadians, I feel, do not realize that their own country has a policy of discrimination in regard to Japanese and Chinese immigration. British West Indians, who are qualified in every other way are refused entry into Canada solely because their skins are black.

Last issue we said that we would speak about some of the problems discussed at the conference. As rural pastors we were concerned about the preservation of family farm values. In a society which is laying more and more stress upon the city in an age when fewer and fewer are living on the farm, we were interested in the moral, political, social and economic values which find a particularly fertile ground in rural communities.

The big wages of the city or the oil rig are a strong temptation to the farm boy who wishes to emancipate himself from the long hours and low pay of the farm. Those who know the family farm will agree that they stimulate the development of craftsmanship, provide creative work experiences for children, offer opportunity for making managerial judgments, offer security for the individual, and provide a favorable environment for the development of a rich religious life.

For the family itself, the family farm develops family unity, offers an excellent opportunity for discipline and character training, economic security and the development of family stability. Witness the high suicide, divorce and delinquency rates of the city. They are conspicuous by their absence in the rural community.

These were the kinds of values which concerned us at Green Lake. The kinds of values which are in danger of disappearing in large measure if the trek from the farm continues. The city except in extreme cases is sociologically incapable of producing the farm type of family.

We must say goodbye for this week—the mail is about to leave.

History records no fanaticism like that of the righteous.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends for their kind expressions of sympathy, floral tributes and donations to the various funds in the loss of our dear husband and father. We would especially like to thank the ladies who sent food and served lunch, Rev. Moore of Sedgewick, Mrs. Gravert and Dr. Poznanski and all those who helped in any way at this sad time. The get-well cards, fruit, flowers and cigarettes sent to him during his recent illness were much appreciated. Thank you.

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LAC LA BICHE—
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PLAMONDON—
Polio Inoculations for parents up to the age of 40, or parents with small children will be given at the Plamondon Nurses' home on Wednesday, Dec. 4; Friday, Dec. 6, and Saturday, Dec. 7, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. All parents are urged to take advantage of these clinics.

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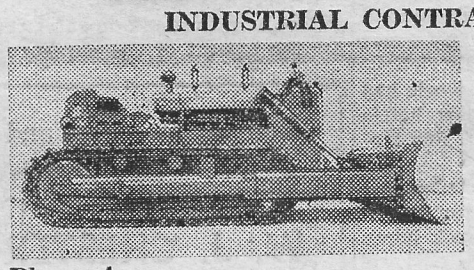
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Chamber Makes Recommendations To Northern Development Commission

Introductory Remarks

The Lac la Biche Chamber of Commerce is a body representing the interests of the residents of the town and district of Lac la Biche. The town of Lac la Biche is situate on the east shore of the lake which bears the same name. It is approximately 160 miles from Edmonth, in a northeasterly direction and is the centre of an important agricultural area in which, however, the industries of fishing, fur farming, timber exploration and summer resorts are perhaps even more important.

Lac la Biche is a historical site in the province of Alberta as it was on the route followed by the early explorers of the west and northwest, who in turn were closely followed by missionaries. The mission and trading post was established at Lac la Biche well over 100 years ago.

Recommendations

The Lac la Biche Chamber of Commerce recommends to the Northern Development Commission the following:

The construction of an all-season road from a point near the town of Lac la Biche to the town of McMurray.

The development of Lac la Biche as a resort centre.

The construction of a dam on the La Biche river to maintain the water level of the lake.

Road to McMurray

The district of McMurray and particularly the area north of that town and near the site of Bitumount contains what are today recognized as the world's largest reserves of petroleum. In addition it is rich in forest products, other minerals such as salt, fishing and fur.

It is also generally recognized that the present transportation services to McMurray, which are confined to railway and air travel, are a severe handicap to the development of that area.

This Chamber of Commerce heartily endorses the briefs and submissions made by the residents of McMurray and Waterways, and others interested in the development of that district for the construction of a passable road which would make possible access by vehicle traffic.

The Lac la Biche Chamber of Commerce recommends and advocates the construction of such a road in an area lying approximately half way between the Northern Alberta Railways on the east and the Athabasca river on the west.

The proposed route would have the following advantages:

It would be the shortest and most direct route from existing highways to the town of McMurray.

This location traverses terrains on which the construction of a highway is entirely feasible. There is now in existence a winter road which has been used by oil prospectors, geophysical crews, forest rangers and lumbermen, trappers and others, interested in reaching McMurray by road.

The proposed road encounters no large bodies of water or streams and is along the entire distance on a fairly level ground. It follows closely a height of land between the area draining into the Athabasca river to the north and west and the slope eastward to the prairies and eventually to the Hudson's bay.

The area which would be served by such a road is very rich in timber resources and is presently being developed to produce large quantities of timber. Access is presently provided to the fringe of this timber area by the lumbering interests that are now exploiting the district.

Because of the presence of vast timber areas, the government of Alberta has established forest ranger stations at some four sites within this area. Access to these stations is presently possible by vehicle only in the winter time and in the summer, forest rangers must travel by pack ponies. The conservation and protection of these timber resources would be greatly facilitated by a road.

It is generally conceded that land which grows heavy timber is good agricultural land which will grow produce after it has been cleared. Because of the high nature of the land there are large tracts of good agricutural soil which could be developed and populated if a road existed.

The area between Lac la Biche and McMurray has been the site of important petroleum and natural gas discoveries and an important program of exploration and drilling is now under way. There is under study a plan for the construction of a pipe line to bring the McMurray oil from the tar sands to Edmonton. It is assumed that such a pipe line would follow the shortest and easiest route and accordingly the highway proposed by the Chamber of Commerce would be of great assistance in the construction and servicing of such pinelines and would incidentally develop the area.

Development as a Resort Area

The lake at Lac la Biche was formerly an important summer resort and had led the railway to construct a large summer hotel before the first great war. In recent years, however, because other resorts acquired all weather roads much more quickly than this district, Lac la Biche lost a good portion of its appeal as a summer resort. In addition to Lac la Biche itself the area is rich in smaller lakes teeming with fish which would be a great attraction to sportsmen and tourists.

This Chamber of Commerce further recommends that Big Island of Lac la Biche, which is presently reserved as a provincial park, be developed, and that its six hundred and forty acres be surveyed and made available to individuals for leasing and for carrying out the development program.

One of the important factors in such a development program would be the construction of a vehicle causeway between Big Island and the mainland.

It is recommended that the government be urged to assist in providing suitable roads to the numerous lakes in the vicinity. The modern trend of tourists and sportsmen carrying their own boats and motors to the bodies of water which they visit makes it imperative that passable roads be provided.

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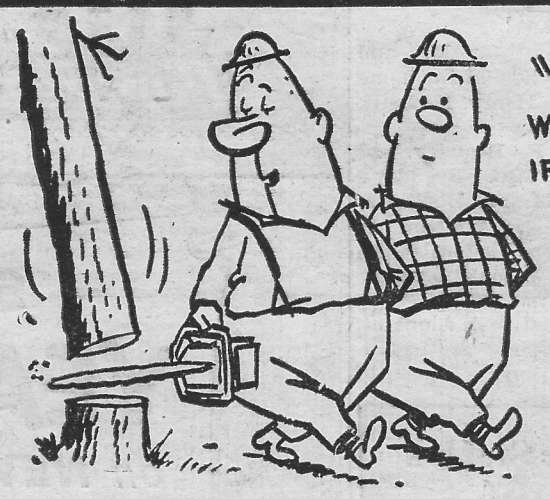

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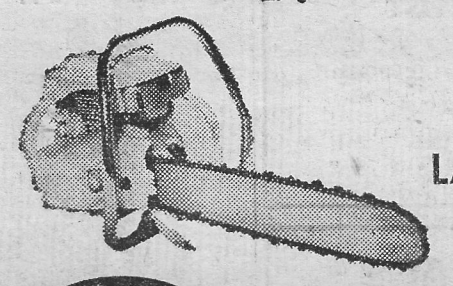

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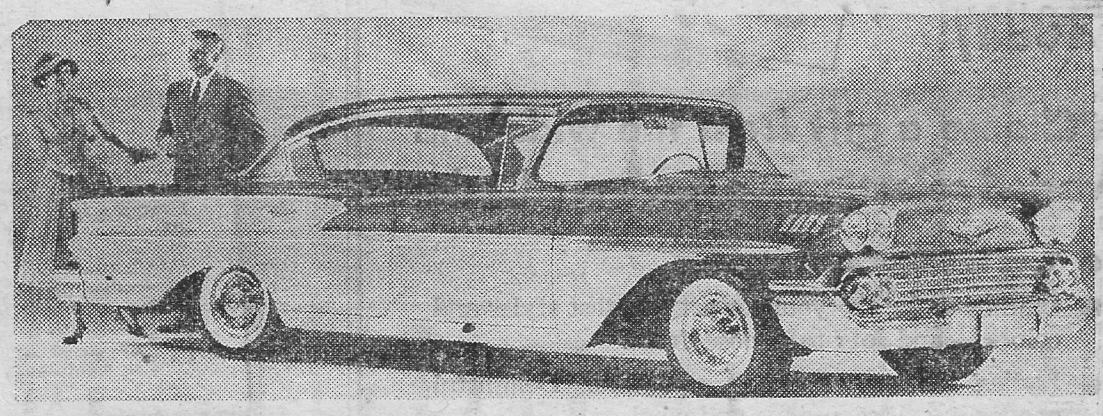

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Mr. Spila died en route to hospital, Nov. 21.

Mr. Spila, coming to Canada in 1928, settled here on a homestead. He was 59 years old at the time of death.

He is survived by Mrs. Spila, three daughters, two sons and two grandchildren. A sister lives in the United States.

Berny

Ulric Menard and daughter Laurette motored to Edmonton on business recently.

Omer Duperron has moved to his new farm, near the main road. The property was formerly owned by Robert St. Jean, who is now in Amesbury.

Mrs. Edmond Duperron made a business trip to Edmonton recently.

Blaire Gaudet, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gaudet, is home after receiving medical care in an Edmonton hospital.

Egg Lake

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Girard are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Nov. 15.

Denis Amiot has motored to Edmonton, where he will remain for a few days before taking his wife and girl back with him.

A few farmers are constructing buildings on their farms. Steve Peterson is building a garage; Albert Girard has moved a garage from the farm, purchased from Edmond Pare, to the site of his other buildings.

Bernard Amiot is doubling the size of his house. His brother-in-law, Urban Plamondon is helping him.

Frains

A surprise farewell party was staged for Nick Mamchur, who leaves for Italy in December. A number of young persons planned and attended the Saturday evening festivity.

G. Waselenchuk broke the bingo record here by winning three games in a row at the Saturday game. Winners in the raffle were F. Warren, first, a picture; Ray Kolach, second, box of chocolates; and Mrs. J. Hussynec, third, packet of coffee.

Mr. D. Kolack accompanied his son, Roy, to Edmonton Nov. 24.

The Shyian family has moved into its new home.

Mrs. J. Ramanyshyn of Grassland spent a day at the home of her sister, Mrs. D. Kolach.

Home for the weekend were Mike Kowalyk, Roy Kolach and Paul Yurkiw, and Bill Gelowski, all of Edmonton.

W. Nahorney has left the district to join his family in Edmonton.

Hylo

A surprise party for Mr. and Mrs. O. Piven was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Michetti. Cards were played.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Beaudry and children visited Mrs. Beaudry's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Bourassa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Whitson of Lamont were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Whitson's brother, Gordon McEachern.

Mrs. A. Bourassa and daughter Claire made a business trip to Lac la Biche on Saturday.

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RICH LAKE—Grace Lutheran Church was the setting for the late fall wedding of Miss Joan Ellen Tikkanen and Mr. John Koivuneva of Edmonton. The Rev. M. Bruer performed the double-ring ceremony for the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eino Tikkanen of Rich Lake, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Niilo Koivuneva of Finland.

Mr. Tikkanen gave his daughter in marriage. She wore a floor-length gown of lace and tulle over satin, of princess cut and with lily-point sleeves. From a matching headdress cascaded her lace-edged fingertip veil. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

Mrs. Eugene Plamondon, sister of the bride, and Miss Joyce Richardson attended her as matron of honor and bridesmaid. Dressed in peacock blue and rust gowns, respectively, of waltz-length crystalline, they wore white feathered head pieces and carried bouquets of bronze and white chrysanthemums.

Mr. Malcolm Cameron was best man. Mr. Leslie Rama, cousin of the bride, and Mr. Tapio Tervonen were ushers.

At a reception, held later in McKernan's hall, Mr. John Rama, uncle of the bride, proposed the toast to the bride.

Following a dance, Mr. and Mrs. John Koivuneva left on a wedding trip to British Columbia and parts of the United States. On return they will reside in Edmonton.

Ellscott

Mr. and Mrs. Alec Kowalchuk of Sangudo were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Radmanovich.

Harvey Seim had the misfortune to break his left arm in a tractor accident.

A large crowd enjoyed dancing to the music of Gaby Haas and his gang at a dance held on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Ellscott hall.

Venice

Bruno Ferro has returned home after working in Uranium City, Sask. for several months.

A house-warming party was held in the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Torresan and enjoyed by many people of the district. A coffee table was presented to them as a gift.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fabero and children from Sangudo were visiting at the home of Mrs. Fabero's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferro.

Mrs. S. Fornari was a recent patient in the Lac la Biche, St. Catherine Hospital.

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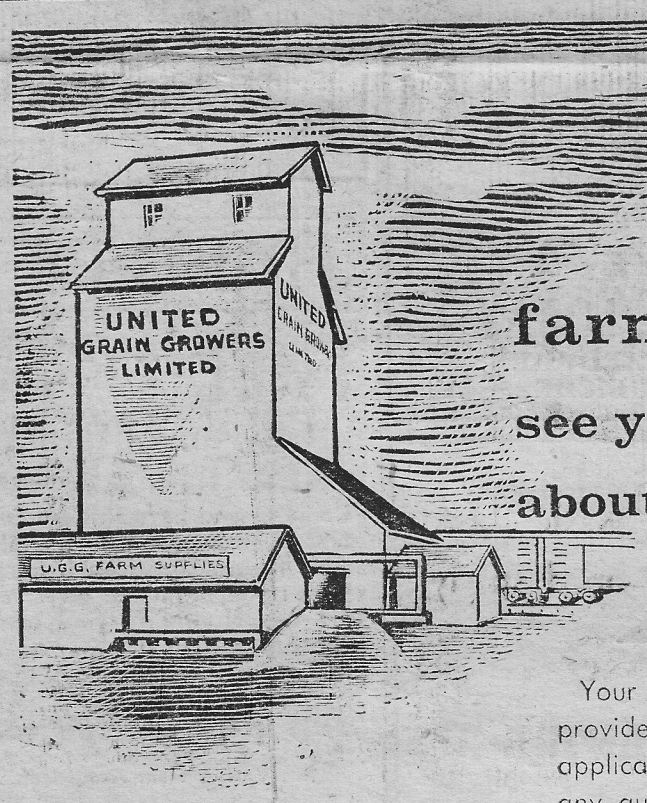

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HSA ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The November meeting of the Lac la Biche Home and School Association was held in the Dr. Swift school Nov. 29. Election of officers for the coming term was held and the new slate is as follows:

President, E. Shanks; replacing Mr. H. Lobay, Mr. Lobay remains on the executive as past president; vice-president, H. Senetza, replacing E. Shanks; secretary, Mrs. J. A Booker, remaining in the same office; treasurer, Rev. R. S. H. Greene, remaining in the same office.

Committee chairmen: program planning, Mrs. M. Maccagno, replacing Mrs. F. Uganitz; public relations and publicity and publications, Mrs. R. Graham, replacing Mrs. L. J. Lemay; social and hospitality, Mrs. S. Hamar, replacing Mrs. G. Homeniuk. The various chairmen of the past term gave reports of activities of their committees. Rev. R. S. H. Greene, in the membership report pointed out that since this association was organized on Jan. 25, 1957, we now have 92 members.

Mrs. E. Gregoire's grade seven class retained the attendance banner for another month with 13 points.

The Governor General's Medal was then awarded to Maurice Linnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Linnell of Lac la Biche by Mr. G. Filipchuk, superintendent of schools. This medal is awarded annually to a grade nine student within this inspectorate, obtaining the highest marks in the grade nine departmental examination paper.

Maurice also received a gift from the students' union, presented by the president Miss Coulette Langevin; a $25 scholarship from the Women's Institute presented by Mrs. Hamar; a scholarship of $25 from the Ladies of St. Catherine, presented by Mrs. M. Maccagno. Maurice Linnell then expressed thanks for the presentations and to Sister Mary, who was his teacher in grade nine.

Representatives from the Highway Traffic Board gave a most enlightening talk on highway safety. Mr. J. W. McKay, director of safety for the Highway Traffic Board pointed out that there is a tremendous number of motor vehicles on Alberta highways, more than in any other part on the North American continent. He stressed the need for drivers of motor vehicles to be in proper physical condition, to have adequate knowledge and skills and to develop favorable attitudes which in turn will lead to good habits.

The disastrous results of 'Hit and Run' drivers and 'drunken drivers was well illustrated by the two films shown.

At the conclusion of the evening coffee and doughnuts were enjoyed by all.

4-H Club News

The Plamondon 4-H Club held its achievement day recently in the Parish hall. Romeo Piquette and Albert Menard were the leaders of the club. Awards for the year's achievements were made, Euclid Menard and Berny obtaining the highest points.

Sixteen members participated in the club for the year.

Goose Lake

Mrs. Villi Kenennun is home from St. Catherine's hospital in Lac la Biche.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Parker motored to Smoky Lake last weekend, where they attended the wedding of Mrs. Parker's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hawk and son Harold visited the John Berghum family on the weekend.

Stanley Berghum motored to Bellis last weekend.

John Berghum is home again after spending some time in Lac la Biche hospital.

A number of local residents were among those at the Helena Friday dance.

Charron

Recent visitors from Edmonton included Mr. and Mrs. Adam Ilnicki and Walter Ilnicki at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Ilnicki and Helen Koldshmidt at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Shapka.

District residents were among those present at the marriage of Doreen Fleming and Walter Ilnicki, son of Mike Ilnicki, at Blue Jay.

George Shapka, recently home for a brief visit, has resumed work for forestry in Conklin.

Recent visitors to Edmonton include Gail Karpetz, Mrs. Sandy Karpetz, Sandra and Rodney Karpetz and Peter Shapka.

Nick Strayski of Wandering River is helping his brother-in-law Sandy Karpetz in carpentry.

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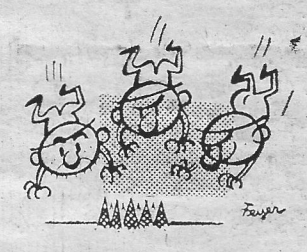
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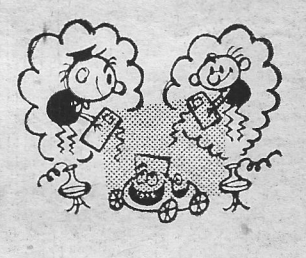
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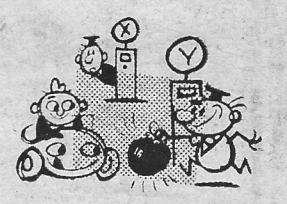
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